

State Dept. Interview Reveals:**DAIREN ULTIMATUM
STORY WAS FAKED**

By Joseph Clark

The State Department said yesterday that "not in any sense" had Soviet authorities in Dairen, Manchuria, issued an ultimatum to an American naval ship. Department spokesman Lincoln White stated that, on the contrary, Soviet officials had shown a cooperative attitude

toward the American officials.

It is now plain, from the State Department's official explanation, that the sensational "ultimatum" story was the exclusive concoction of Scripps Howard correspondent William H. Newton, who filed his story as representative of the "combined American press."

Newton's anti-Soviet fairy tale was exploded by White's explanation yesterday of the sequence of events surrounding the Dairen "incident":

ROUTINE MISSION

• The U. S. naval vessel, the LC-3 1090, arrived in Dairen, Dec. 18, on a routine courier mission for the State Department. It had been granted permission to stay 48 hours on official business and was greeted at anchorage by Soviet port officers.

• Aboard the ship were the Scripps Howard writer, Newton, Jessie L. Poole representing Standard Vacuum, a Standard Oil subsidiary, and a "Life" magazine photographer. None had prior Soviet clearance to go ashore, but American officials in Dairen sought such permission from local Soviet authorities.

• The official business was finished within the 48 hours without any difficulties. But negotiations were still continued for landing the Standard Oil representative and the Scripps Howard propagandist.

EXTRA TIME GIVEN

• On his own initiative, the Soviet port official granted the ship two hours additional time in the harbor, although ordinarily such permission must be granted by higher authority.

• Twenty minutes before the two hours were up, the Soviet official reminded the Americans that the time would soon expire and that he had granted them the additional time without securing official permission. **NO ULTIMATUM WAS ISSUED!**

As the State Department explained it, the Soviet official, rather than issuing an ultimatum, had been cooperative. The concern he expressed twenty minutes before the additional two hours were up, was because he had taken responsibility on himself in granting the overstay without consulting higher Soviet officials.

But the Scripps Howard man, Newton, falsified this to mean that the Russian had given a twenty-minute ultimatum to the Americans!

Then, even though Newton never got off the ship, he wrote a fantasy about what terrible things the Russians are doing in Dairen, as a follow-up to his "ultimatum" story.

This entire fabrication was played up by the combined commercial press of America as part of a campaign to create ill will even though this was a case of Soviet-American cooperation.

Only the Daily Worker investigated and printed the facts about Standard Oil's interests in Dairen and China and questioned the entire policy of using the United States Navy and our State officials for the private business of the Rockefeller oil trust.

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For Big Steal**

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EDGAR L. YATES was the senior officer aboard the naval craft which docked at Dairen, Manchuria, and about which Scripps-Howard correspondent William Newton invented a story about a Russian ultimatum. The State Department denied the Russians issued an ultimatum—but on the contrary were very cooperative with U. S. officials.

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WORLD EVENTS

Greek Militarists Threaten Bulgaria

Greek monarchist military authorities warned Bulgaria yesterday that unless Bulgaria stopped giving refuge to guerillas fleeing from Greece, Greek troops would go into Bulgaria "with no regard for the consequences," according to a United Press dispatch from Athens. This threat was made by a Greek Brigadier Papanikolaou. He sent his warning to the commander of Bulgarian forces at Karoenuropion, across the Bulgarian border. Government

sources in Athens declined to comment on Brigadier Papanikolaou's threat, but it was announced by official Army authority, according to UP.

The Greek consulate in New York told the Daily Worker it had no official comment on this threat to invade Bulgaria and referred us to the Greek delegation in the United Nations. The Greek Secretary General Alexandre Beinoglou also refused to commit himself officially. However, other sources connected with the Greek delegation in UN replied to the Daily Worker query by charging "lies" and "propaganda" about the Greek government.

There was considerable flurry in official Greek monarchist circles here when confronted with the report of the threatened invasion of Bulgaria. Efforts were made to minimize it by labeling the Athens dispatch as "propaganda."

UP also reported from Athens that Greek guerillas drove out the gendarmes in the village of Stratoniki, east of Salonika. Greek Second Army Corps headquarters at

Larissa reported a joint operation with gendarmes in the mountains northwest of Bolos against guerillas. Another guerilla force was reported to have occupied the village of Neraida in Macedonia, but then withdrew.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Reports from Greek democratic forces, connected with the resistance movement against the Germans, indicated that King George II might drop his prime minister Constantin Tsaldaris and replace him with Archbishop Damaskinos, the former regent.

King George was reported under pressure from the British to "broaden" his government. The King had sent a representative to try to persuade one or more opposition leaders to enter the cabinet.

The British and the Greek monarchy which it sponsors realize that Tsaldaris has brought the present regime into greater disrepute than at any time since the Greek resistance fighters were suppressed by British tanks and planes in 1944.

Labor Party Rebels Gain in Fight on Bevin Foreign Policy

Rebellion of British Labor Party organizations against the Government's "Get Tough With Russia" foreign policy, which is placing Britain in the "position of a colonial dependent of the United States," is gaining increasing support, a spokesman for the Spelthorne

Divisional (County) Labor Party said yesterday, according to United Press.

Thomas Gittens, organizer of the inter-party drive to repudiate Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's anti-Soviet policies, said that 10 Divisional Labor Parties have pledged their support to his organization's campaign. He added that at least 30 others have decided for reorientation of Britain's foreign policies toward a "genuine political and economic collaboration with the Soviet Union and the new democratic states of Europe."

Gittens said only "three or four" Divisional Parties have notified the Spelthorne organization that they had rejected its proposals and supported the government's foreign policies.

He said, however, that the attack on Bevin's tactics, which his organization sent as "private and confidential" to all 600 Divisional Labor Parties, had produced a far greater response than the replies received to date indicated.

Otherwise, he said, Morgan Phillips, secretary of the National Labor Party, would never have made public the Spelthorne statement and so bitterly attacked it last week.

Gittens said Labor Party machinery was slow moving and many divisional parties would not get around to acting on the statement for another month.

Others, he thought, would report their attitude direct to Transport House, national party headquarters, as a result of Phillips' intervention. As a result, he said, the true extent of the rebellion against the government's foreign policies would not become publicly known until the party's annual National Congress in May.

Gittens said he "fervently hoped" Bevin would be dropped as Foreign Minister and suggested Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton as his successor.

"Most of the present Labor Party leadership is pursuing an anti-Russian foreign policy and putting Britain in the position of a colonial dependent of the United States," Gittens said.

"However, the Labor Party leaders will find it quite impossible to lead the British people into anti-Sovietism. The more they try to do so the further they separate themselves from the people. The British people are beginning to realize anti-Sovietism means war."

Gittens said World War II would not have occurred if the British working class had insisted on collective security with the Soviet Union.

"Bevin is pursuing the same anti-Russian tactics as Chamberlain, Halifax and Eden," he said. "The trouble with the Labor Party leadership is that they fear the Russian type of Socialism."

"Winston Churchill, leader of the opposition, quite openly called for an alliance of 'civilized nations' against Russia. Bevin and Labor Party leaders refuse to repudiate that statement."



Home Again: Elliott Roosevelt and his wife arrive at La Guardia Field after a seven-week trip through Poland and the Soviet Union. Roosevelt told reporters that he would continue to oppose "certain domestic and foreign policies" of the Truman Administration.

WORLD BRIEFS

WAYNE MORSE BACK FROM EUROPE TRIP

SEN. WAYNE MORSE returned from Europe and called for support of the "Truman-Byrnes-Vandenberg-Connally" foreign policy.

BARON ROBERT ROTHSCHILD died in Switzerland. He was head of the French branch of the European banker family.

EGYPTIAN police arrested 30 persons suspected of anti-government activities. Most were members of the Moslem Brotherhood, which is demanding British evacuation.

GEN. LEROY WATSON, U. S. commander in Nurnberg and Liba Besinova of Prague, Czechoslovakia, were married at Amba-

sador Steinhardt's residence. The bride was a former translator for the Nurnberg trials.

DON JUAN, pretender to the Spanish throne, refused an offer by Franco to groom Juan's son Charles for the throne under Franco's regency, according to Exchange Telegraph. Juan rejected the offer, the agency reported.

French Troops Surround Viet-Nam Forces in Hanoi

The French High Command in Saigon claimed yesterday that its troops had surrounded the Indo-Chinese quarter of Hanoi, according to United Press. Elsewhere in Indo-China French troops were either attacking on all points or holding their positions, the High Com-

mand said in a communique setting forth the military situation.

The French Cabinet discussed the Indo-Chinese situation yesterday morning and an official announcement said government policies remained the same as those outlined by Premier Leon Blum before the Assembly Monday. At that time he indicated France plans to restore order to Indo-China while at the same time holding out to the Viet Nam a peace offer.

The left wing newspaper Ce Soir said that representatives of unofficial Viet Name and French organizations had presented Maries Moutet, French Colonial Minister, with a three-point program for ending the war.

Ce Soir said the terms called for dismissal of French Governor General Thierry d'Argenlieu, immediate cessation of hostilities, and establishment of a joint French-Viet Name commission to re-establish liberties.

MINISTER IN SAIGON

Another dispatch said Minister of Colonies Moutet, who arrived in Saigon Tuesday for a tour of the

fighting areas, had conferred with French military and political leaders there.

Moutet, who will remain in Indo-China until Jan. 16, will be joined tomorrow by Gen. Jacques Leclerc, top French military expert, who is flying to the Far East from Paris reportedly to take command of the military situation.

Viet Nam insurgent forces attempted infiltration movements toward Gia Lam airport but they were "repulsed," the French Army communique said.

It reported progress in French operations aimed at shattering the intermittent Viet Nam artillery offensive directed at Hanoi from outside the city.

A French column pushing north of Bag Ninh ran into severe resistance when its assault on an old Chinese fort was hampered by a vigorous rearguard action of Viet Nam forces.

The communique said that in Hongay "the center of Viet Nam resistance has been attacked and destroyed" but gave no further details.

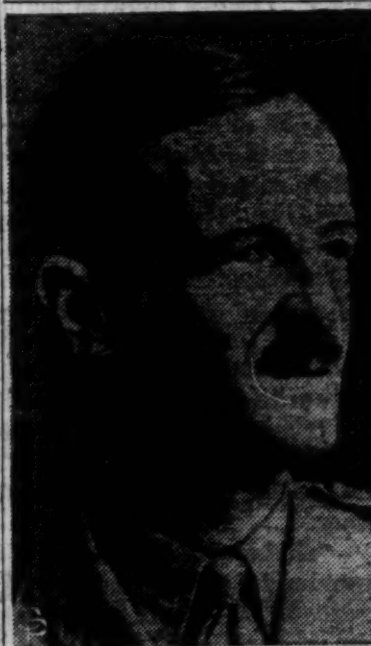
Communists Take Town Near Peiping

Chinese Communist forces, striking suddenly out of a blinding Christmas Day snowstorm, overpowered the garrison of Luchungtsun, five miles north of Peiping's outer defense ring, Kuomintang military quarters reported yesterday.

The raid, described as one of the boldest actions of the civil war in the Peiping sector, marked the nearest Communist forces ever had gone to Peiping, United Press said.

Kuomintang troops were rushed to the Luchungtsun area, a few miles west of the Peiping-Suiyuan highway, to reinforce local guards. Fighting was continuing, the Chiang military said.

Still other Communist units were reported to have cut the Peiping-Tientsin rail line at Yangtsun, 13 miles northwest of Tientsin, but were driven off by Nationalists.



MAJOR GENERAL JACQUES LECLERC, armored warfare specialist, has been rushed to Indo-China to suppress the rebellion of the Viet Nam independence forces.

LABOR and the NATION

Adamson Demands Straitjacket Law

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Legislation to cripple unions, strong measures aimed at the foreign-born and an intensified witch-hunt against progressive citizens were urged today by Ernie Adamson, chief counsel of the House Un-American Committee. The recommendations were con-

Corrections Head Ousted by Mayor

Commissioner of Corrections Peter Amoroso resigned at midnight last night in the first official upheaval following exposure of the gridiron bribery scandal here three weeks ago.

Amoroso was replaced by Albert Williams, first deputy commissioner in the Police Department, who was sworn in by Mayor O'Dwyer six hours earlier. Amoroso, a commissioner for 13 years, will be shifted to a post in the Department of Hospitals for 30 days to protect his pension rights.

Mayor O'Dwyer called in reporters about 5:30 to inform them that Amoroso had resigned his post, effective midnight. He had met with the Commissioner in the afternoon.

Questioned whether the resignation had to do with the gridiron scandal, O'Dwyer replied: "In a general way."

It has been evident that the Mayor was angry over alleged activities of Harvey Stemmer, convicted last year of bribing Brooklyn College basketball players.

Stemmer, an inmate of Rikers Island, was assigned to Bellevue Hospital as an orderly and received \$1 a day in salary. He took advantage

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tained in a report which was published by the Government Printing Office although not yet approved by the committee. Nevertheless, Adamson spoke in the name of the House body and undoubtedly represents its members' viewpoint.

ASKS LAWS HITTING UNIONS

Adamson built his demand for anti-labor action on claims the Communist Party controls 17 unions; he named only nine.

"Legislative action designed to eliminate Communistic control of these unions, is the only solution to the problem," the report said.

Unions named by Adamson—all CIO—were the United Public Workers, United Office and Professional Workers, United Furniture Workers, American Communication Association, National Maritime Union, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, Transport Workers Union, United Electrical Workers, and Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. Included in the list of union groups is the Committee for Maritime Unity.

SOURCE: BUDENZ

The Communist Party, Adamson contended, is engaged in a worldwide revolutionary conspiracy to seize control of the government through a general strike, mass unemployment and other means.

His chief source was Louis Budenz, who told the committee the Communist International is still operating despite its dissolution in 1943.

VOW COLLEGE PURGE

Adamson also devoted considerable space in the 74-page report to attacking anti-fascist groups such as the American Slav Congress, the Joint Anti-Fascist Committee, National Citizens PAC, CIO-PAC, Independent Citizens Committee, Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the National Committee to Win the Peace and the National Federation for Constitutional Lib-

erties. Displaying violent hatred for the foreign-born, Adamson attacked persons with "European backgrounds" in the government and demanded new "security laws," particularly relating to denaturalization of citizens.

Public release of the report came on the heels of a declaration by Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss), leading member of the Un-American Committee, indicating that one of the group's first tasks next year will be to stage a witch-hunt in the nation's colleges.

The main objective, he said, would be to force the dismissal of "pink" professors.

UN Group OKs Report on Atom Supervision

A United Nations technical committee yesterday approved a program for supervising the world's atomic energy activities.

Committee Two of the Atomic Energy Commission, made up of technicians, adopted a 50-page technical report by a vote of 10 to 0. Poland abstained and the Soviet Union refrained from voting, as it did last week when the commission voted on principles of the Baruch proposals.

Prof. Nikolai N. Alexandrov, Soviet representative, said his delegation was not yet prepared to vote on atomic matters.

The report concluded that UN supervision of atomic activities was feasible. It also listed ways to guard against secret atomic energy operations by any nation, but they will not be disclosed until the report has been approved by the full Atomic Energy Commission.

The commission will meet as a committee of the whole today to study the report. The commission also will continue its debate of the Baruch plan.

Hunt Wreckage Of 4th Chinese Transport

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 26.—Search planes circled low over the heavily-wooded swamps and hills between Hankow and Shanghai today, looking for the wreckage of a fourth Chinese transport believed to have crashed last night in an unprecedented three hours of commercial aviation disasters. Three other transports crashed almost within sight of Shanghai Airfield.



THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT has certainly gotten into "Lee" the cat, for here a surprised pooch, "Frisco," gets a great big hug and kiss from tabby in Boston.

PLANE WRECK SEARCH HINDERED BY STORM

SEARCHING PARTIES climbed over jagged rocks and through driving rain yesterday in their search for the airliner missing near San Diego, Calif. with 12 aboard. The storm made it impossible to determine if there were any survivors.

THE ARMY, Navy and Coast Guard urged furlough fares be retained until the railroads can prove they should be cancelled.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN spent the day after Christmas: visiting his 94-year-old mother, taking a 30-minute walk around Independence, Mo., opening a case of Oregon clams, and guzzling sarsaparilla in the local dime store with the mayor.

THE INVESTMENT Bankers Association of America yesterday petitioned the federal reserve board to relax its ban on stock market margin trading.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT announced its new disciplinary plan for trainees will be tried out by the universal military training experimental unit at Fort Knox next month. The plan features a demerit system for minor infractions, a merit system for exceptional performance, and a "certain amount" of self government.

HOTEL FIRE routed out guests in the Concord Hotel's Cobana Playhouse in Monticello, N. Y. No one was injured.

TRUMAN'S state-of-the-union message will go to Congress Monday, Jan. 6.

PRODUCER Moss Hart said yesterday that thieves ran off with



STEWARDESS Glenda M. Wade was aboard the passenger plane that crashed in the fog-crested mountains east of San Diego. Rescue parties have so far been unable to reach the wreck nor learn whether any of the 12 passengers and crew members survived.

\$15,000 in jewels and furs from his New York apartment.

WHEN THIEVES FALL OUT might be what went on in the GOP ranks when Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich) took a political swing at Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Gov. Harold E. Stassen, and Sens. Taft, Bricker and Vandenberg. Among other things Hoffman told these men to stick to the jobs they had in front of them and stop bickering over the 1948 presidential nomination.

Watch Out!

By Alan Max

The sugar trust is in an all-out drive to blackjack sugar controls—and give the people the lumps.

Senators Told to Lay Off Bilbo--Or He'll Expose THEIR War Dealings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Friends of Sen. Theodore Bilbo have passed the word around that if Senate probers press charges about Bilbo's relations with Mississippi war contractors, Bilbo will lift the lid on many another Senator's relationships with profiteers, it was revealed here today.

Sen. Elmer Thomas (D-Okla), a member of the special Senate committee which investigated campaign charges against Bilbo, said "The Mouth" may let loose some of the most embarrassing arguments the Senate has ever heard.

Bilbo was reported getting ready to answer two specific charges:

1—That he is guilty of "moral turpitude" because he accepted gratuities from Mississippi contractors whom he helped get government jobs during the war emergency.

2—That his reelection in 1946 was invalid because Negroes were barred from the July 2 Mississippi Democratic primary.

"Bilbo has been investigating the relationships of other Senators with war contractors," Thomas told reporters. "He won't give up without a fight. In fact, any attempts to oust him on such grounds may produce the most embarrassing debate in the history of the Senate."

Thomas said he "heard nothing that convinced me Bilbo should be refused his seat." He added that

racial discriminations is not limited to Mississippi. Thomas readily conceded that he personally did all he could to "help my constituents share in the war programs."

AN EDITORIAL

Find a Way OUT for Bilbo

DESPITE the story of terror, intimidation and wide-spread corruption uncovered at the Bilbo hearings, there is a serious question about what the Senate probers and the Senate itself will do about unseating the four-flushing Ku Kluxer from Mississippi.

Three of the five members of the Ellender Committee, which "investigated" Bilbo's pre-election threats against the Negro people, have already indicated they plan to whitewash him. They are all Southern Democrats. The course of the two Republicans is not yet clear.

There are hints that the committee investigating Bilbo's relations with war contractors may simply pass the buck to the new Senate to investigate his fitness further, which means he will be sworn in and will take his seat.

If these reports prove to be correct, the Republicans in the Senate may slip out from under and plead they cannot vote to unseat him without "sufficient" evidence of wrong-doing.

Continued and increased public indignation against his being seated may block any such retreat. But one angle that has largely escaped public notice is that Bilbo, an elected official, violated the law when he took "gifts" from war contractors for doing them favors.

Not only should he be unseated, but it is up to the federal government to indict him and to see to it that he gets the stiffest penalty possible.

LAWYERS GUILD REPORT SHOWS:

NAM Threatens Labor's Well-Being

The new "liberal" policy of the National Association of Manufacturers is neither new nor liberal, but IS a threat to industrial peace and the welfare of the nation, the National Lawyers Guild concluded in a 21-page study released yesterday.

Commenting on reported differences between the "reactionary wing" of the NAM and the "liberal line" developed at the recent NAM parley at the Waldorf-Astoria, Guild leaders Paul O'Dwyer and Leonard Boudin told a press conference that the only differences were in approach.

Also present at the conference were Benedict Wolf, former secretary of the National Labor Relations Board, and Jules J. Justin, former public member of the NLRB in the New York region.

A summary of the Guild's analysis follows:

1. Monopoly: Are Workers Just Commodities?

The NAM charges that joint action by unions is "as much a monopolistic practice" as joint action by employers to fix prices. It demands that unions be subject to the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The Lawyers Guild report recalled that when the United Automobile Workers pursued a "one-at-a-time strategy" in the strike against General Motors, the corporation's management "was very vocal in their complaint that it was very unfair to single them out for wage action which was not directed at the same time against their competitors."

The analysis points out that the general trend has been toward industry-wide negotiations for a uniform wage pattern and that the "principle of equal pay for equal work has received wider acceptance and adherence."

"In effect, it (the NAM) suggests that two locals of the same union or two groups of members of the same union are to be prohibited from engaging in joint deliberation and determining joint and uniform policy for their organization."

"For all practical purposes this must mean that the NAM insists on breaking every national union up into separate local unions, each confined to negotiations and considerations with respect to a single employer."

The lawyers cited the Clayton Act which says that "the labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce." The NAM, they added, is still thinking in terms of slavery days when "the labor of human beings could be considered in the same category

as ordinary pieces of property, chattels or commodities."



BUNTING
NAM President

2. Should Unions Be Forced to Bargain?

The NAM demands that "the union as well as the employer should be obligated, by law, to bargain collectively in good faith. . . ."

This demand is based on the assumption that the employer's duty to bargain is guaranteed by the present law and that the employers "are the ones who now require protection against unions which do not bargain in good faith," said the Lawyers Guild.

The analysis points out that the exact opposite is the case. It is employers who, after a union wins a bargaining election, conform to the law in only a formal sense. They go through the motions of meeting with union representatives, listen to their proposals and, without even a serious effort to

reach an understanding, reject demands. The only legal recourse for the union is to charge the firm before the National Labor Relations Board with refusal to bargain in "good faith." That involves hearings and delays that often stretch to from two to four years.

It is this policy of attrition which often forces a union to resort to a strike to end delays and save itself from extinction, con-

tinues the report. Unions, on the other hand, have no reason to refuse to bargain because they "are organized for the purpose of bargaining collectively." A policy of refusal would be "suicidal."

What the NAM wants is the further opportunity for an employer to impede collective bargaining and prolong delays by making a countercharge before the NLRB that the union refused to bargain.

3. Ban Union Security?

The NAM demands that the requirement for workers to join a union, or refrain from joining, or maintain or withdraw membership, should be banned by law.

To this the Lawyers Guild replied that the basic concept of collective bargaining today gives the union which wins a big majority vote the duty to bargain for all the workers.

Since the union represents all the workers and all receive the benefits, "basic principles of full citizenship and full participation of all eligible individuals should

require that all employers join the union." This, it is further pointed out, assures fuller democracy in that a voice in union affairs is given to all those affected by its contract.

4. Forbid Strikes Except . . . ?

The NAM seeks to forbid strikes except after a secret ballot by an "impartial" agency and a decision of the majority of the workers in favor of a strike.

This, in addition to restricting a union's right to manage its affairs is a tactic of "delay" says the Guild, "a factor which more than any other can weaken the union organization and render it ineffective in a strike."

The proposal also suggests that legislation—in effect, government control—over a union's affairs would be imposed through such procedure. The NAM would further require that a majority of the workers, not merely those voting, should decide. The equivalent of the NAM's proposal in the political field, the lawyers point out, would require a majority vote not only of those who register but of all those eligible to vote.

The analyses also points out that the NAM calls for extensive government regulation of unions, while at the same time attacking government intervention in the

affairs of employers. Under one of its items, the NAM declares that "free collective bargaining demands that government intervention in labor disputes be reduced to an absolute minimum."



SLOAN
Another Union-Hater

5. More UnAmerican Proposals

The NAM also demands a legal ban on jurisdictional or sympathy strikers, walkouts of government employees, to "force employers to violate the law," to recognize "uncertified unions," secondary boycotts or "work restrictive" demands.

The lawyers pointed out that while the NAM has picked the kind of strikes that have "bad connotations" in the public mind, the range is such that right to strike at all, anytime would be all out lost.

The NAM demands that "no individual be deprived of a right to work" and "coercion" or "intimidation" or "mass picketing" should be prohibited.

The lawyers noted that the NAM concern with the right to work is not prompted by concern with discrimination practices. Those loudest in demanding the provision are heads of companies, particularly those in the south.

The object is restriction of union activities, especially in strikes. Acts of violence or "coercion" are

fully covered in state laws and police functions.

The NAM demands that the union "as well as the employer, should be obligated by law" to adhere to the terms of a contract, and that disputes should be settled by "peaceful procedure."

An examination of court decisions and arbitration awards on disputes show that the overwhelming majority were in cases where the employers violated contracts. The attempt to impose a legal obligation upon the union is further unjustified by the fact that unions have sued employers and employers have sued unions.

The NAM demanded that employers should not have to bargain with unions of foremen.

The NAM is not content to wait for a Supreme Court disposition of the issue, but would now impose the same status upon foremen that workers generally had before the Wagner Act was passed. The result would be crippling strikes of foremen for recognition, as the only remedy for them.

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Swipes Scooter

ANSONIA, Conn., Dec. 26.—A new candidate for the title of "meanest thief" was being sought today by police.

Chief John Mahoney reported that seven-year-old Carole Ashe was playing with her brand new Christmas scooter when an automobile drove up and a man got out. He knocked Carole to the ground, the chief said, grabbed the scooter and disappeared.

Detective Slain; Youth Hunted

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 26.—Seventeen-year-old Danny Norris, out of a school for delinquent boys on a Christmas pass, was sought by police of eight states today as the killer of a city detective.

Danny, according to police, is armed with two guns and ammunition stolen from a sports store here. His companion, Leonard Bushell, 15, was seized at his home this morning shortly after the shooting of the detective. Although Norris was named as the actual killer, Bushell was charged with murder, carrying concealed deadly weapons and breaking and entering.

PASSENGERS AND CREW CHIP IN FOR ITALIAN ORPHANS

A passenger ship, "The Marine Perch" of the American Export Line, left here on Nov. 15, bound for Genoa and Naples, Italy. It carried a large number of Italian-Americans, some visitors, others returning to Italy, some making the trip to bring war-bound families back.

A young woman on board, Phyllis Brown, who was joining her husband there and who is a member of the Congress of American Women, organized a collection on board ship for aid to Italian orphans. A total of \$600 was collected, \$300 of which was donated by the crew, who are members of the NMU.

This cooperative effort helped to establish better relations between the crew and the passengers, many of whom were angry because their trip had been delayed on account of the strike and who learned the workers' side of the issue on this trip. The funds were turned over to the Union of Italian Women, which is the Italian affiliate of the Women's International Democratic Federation, of which the Congress here is also an affiliate.

Never an Idle Moment

DIAMOND, Mo., Dec. 26.—A man carrying more Christmas cheer than he could handle was loaded into a car by Justice of the Peace H. T. Brown, and turned over to the constable for transportation to

the county jail at Neosho. When deputy Ora Schwitzer began checking over the man's belongings before placing him in a cell, he found with them Brown's billfold, Brown's flashlight and a bottle of mouthwash, which also had been the property of the Justice of the Peace.

NEW YORK

Milk Trust Rigged Mart for Big Steal

By Max Gordon

Yesterday, butter prices on the New York Merchant Exchange tumbled 10c a pound. But, believe it or not, this is a sign that you may have to pay more money for milk next month unless the government steps in and does something about it quick. Here's why. The price of fluid milk, and all other milk products in New York, is fixed by the price of butter on the exchange for the previous month ending on the 25th. In January, milk prices will be determined by the butter quotation for the month ending December 25th.

Consumers' and merchants' groups have charged the Exchange price for butter was artificially rigged this month in order to jack up milk prices next month. The fact that the butter price flopped so drastically yesterday, shows they were right.

The original charge of market-rigging was made by Alfred Rich, business manager of the Butter and Egg Merchants Association. He represents retail merchants, who would also be hit by a milk price increase.

Rich pointed out Tuesday that someone was buying butter on the exchange for 84½ cents a pound, 5½ cents above the Chicago market price. Ordinarily, the New York exchange price is ½ cent higher than the Chicago price.

The reason seems to be that a few of the big dealers have been stuck with a huge supply of storage cream which they now have to dump on the market. They hoarded this cream during the summer months in the expectation that there would be a shortage this winter, as there was last winter.

NO SHORTAGE

The shortage did not develop. In order to prevent prices from being cut when they do dump this surplus on the market, they have been engaging in this rigging job up to Dec. 25 so as to keep the entire milk price structure artificially high. Thus the consumer would have to pay for the gamble by these monopolies.

It pays these big business boys to spend a little extra for butter. They figure to take in maybe as much as \$15,000,000 in higher prices for all milk products because they kept butter prices at the 84½ cents figure until Wednesday.

HOW PRICE SYSTEM WORKS

The pricing system based on butter quotations was devised by the monopolies as a way of guaranteeing their profits. Butter is the lowest-priced of all milk products. According to the system, all other milk products will always be priced well above butter so they cannot get too low.

Before the Federal Marketing Order was introduced in New York on Sept. 1, 1938, the unregulated dairy business was generally able to establish the butter price base simply through monopoly control.

When the Marketing Order was introduced, the big business boys were powerful enough to compel the Federal Government to accept the system as part of the Order. Consumer and farmer interests have since managed to amend it somewhat to include price quotations for skim and powdered milk. But the butter price is still the major factor.

The Consumer Council is demanding the system be thrown out for next month on the grounds there is no valid butter quotation since the market was rigged. It also wants the responsible parties sought out and punished for anti-trust law violation.

And That Was While We Had 'Controls'

Residential construction contracts in 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains totaled \$2,948,737,000 in the first 11 months of 1946, while non-residential construction totaled \$7,032,444,000, a survey by the F. W. Dodge Corp. revealed here.



William J. Dessaure and his attorney, Stanley Faulkner, taken last June. Dessaure is shown blood-soaked from beating given him by Rockville Center police.

All-White Juries Face First Test in North

A northern Scottsboro case, testing whether Negroes may be excluded from juries, this side of the Mason-Dixon Line, may arise out of the forthcoming trial of William J. Dessaure in Rockville Centre, L. I., defense counsel Stanley Faulkner said yesterday.

On June 8, Dessaure, a lay preacher of Freeport, walked into the Rockville Centre police station to report a gambling house and the presence of a police officer there. He was severely beaten and arrested for "assaulting" the arresting officers.

Big time gamblers, driven from New York during the LaGuardia administration, had set up shop in Republican Nassau. Repeated scandals have riddled the police and political machines of the country.

CHALLENGED INDICTMENT
Faulkner filed a motion in September challenging the indictment on the ground that the jury had no Negro members and that, in fact, there is no record of a Negro ever serving on a Nassau County grand jury. The 1940 census showed 3.3 percent of the county was Negro. The proportion is greater now.

Acting County Judge L. Barron Hill, after sitting on the motion through the election campaign (he was elected to the New York Supreme Court on the GOP ticket), this week denied the motion. He found that exclusion of Negroes in the South, barred since the Scottsboro decisions, was intentional, while in Nassau county it was not. "Intentional or no, the net result is the same," Faulkner declared, "since Negroes were not called for service."

"If William Dessaure is convicted,

ed, I will appeal, if necessary, all the way to the Supreme Court."

Hebrew Aid Society To Handle Pole Cases

Isaac L. Asofsky, executive secretary of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), cabled yesterday from Europe that all emigrating Polish Jews will hereafter be funneled through HIAS's offices in Warsaw, Cracow, Lodz or Breslau in Poland.

Reporting from Paris, Asofsky, who has spent two months in Europe studying DP and refugee conditions, revealed that an agreement had been concluded with the Central Committee of Polish Jews in Warsaw for HIAS to handle all Jewish migration matters originating in the Central Committee. This group handles practically all Jewish migration cases.

In Reverse

BOSTON, Dec. 26. — Eugene Perier, a South End variety store proprietor, was hoping today that one Christmas visitor will not return to wish him Happy New Year.

A robber rifled the cash register in Perier's store yesterday while he held the proprietor at gunpoint. Then, after forcing Perier to face the wall the intruder backed to the door, shouted "Merry Christmas" and fled.

PAUL ROBESON WILL SPEAK AT ANTI-LYNCHING PARLEY

Paul Robeson, singer and Negro leader, will be the principal speaker at a two-day conference to be held in Washington Jan. 2 and 3, under the auspices of the American Crusade to End Lynching, it was announced yesterday.

Over 250 delegates representing community, church, veteran, union and social organizations will attend the conference organized to demand

effective federal legislation against lynching. The parley will also demand that Sen. Bilbo be denied a seat in the 80th Congress.

The conference marks the end of the 100-day period during which the Crusade has conducted a campaign to inform the American people that a large segment of Americans are still being denied the basic rights of citizenship guaranteed under the Constitution.

BUTTER TRADERS ADMIT PRICES WERE 'FICTITIOUS'

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The wholesale drop of 10 cents a pound in the New York Butter Exchange today marked the end of a "fictitious" market, according to a Mercantile Exchange spokesman here.

The spokesman said the Dairy-men's League, monopoly-dominated "cooperative," had bought heavily on the wholesale market, forcing butter prices up, to insure good milk prices for next month.

(How and why the New York butter exchange price broke is described in a story on Page 5)

The New York butter market price break of 10 cents led a break in the rest of the country. Here in

Chicago, major butter exchange, the price break today was 6 cents.

Owcn Richards, general manager of the American Dairy Association, predicated the break would be reflected at all retail counters within 24 hours. The A. & P. announced cuts in its retail stores of 9 cents a pound in the east and 6 cents in the west, effective tomorrow.

Richards laid the break to the movement away from milk shortages into a "normal period of supply and demand." He said some retailers might pass on to consumers only a part of the benefit because of "fear they might rise again in a few days."



Killer's Eyes: The eyes of "Killer" Thompson, one of the Alcatraz prison revolt desperadoes may one day aid a blinded war veteran to see again. Thompson asked that his eyes be placed in a vet's eye-bank after he is executed.

Subs Grow in Brooklyn

LONGSHORE BRANCH ENDS DRIVE; BOOSTS QUOTA 50%

The Garibaldi branch of the waterfront section in Brooklyn has just completed its subscription drive for The Worker and has voluntarily increased the quota another 50 percent.

The branch, whose concentration is longshoremen in Kings County, has obtained 40 subs and is aiming for 60.

Fifty per cent of the subs were obtained from longshore workers. Success in the drive was attributed to the enthusiasm among the workers as a result of rank and

file struggles.

One branch member, who did an outstanding job, devoted 13 hours on a Sunday and wound up with nine subs. He prefers to remain unnamed because of King Joe Ryan's tactics on the waterfront.

The drive of the Garibaldi branch is part of the country-wide drive for 10,000 subs for The Worker. In addition to the grand prizes offered by the county, the section and branch offers prizes to the biggest sub getters.

People's Voice Night of Stars

Tonight is the "Night of Stars" at the Penthouse of Club 65, 13 Astor Pl. This is a gala affair to be presented by People's Voice, the newspaper dedicated to fighting racial discrimination. Great stars are contributing their talents to make this a night to remember; among them: Canada Lee, Jose Ferrar, Gordon Heath, Ruby Hill, Ray Lev, Maxine Sullivan. There will be dancing to Frankie Newton and his band.

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RECONSTRUCTION IN ITALY

By Herb Tank

GENOA.

THE SECRETARY OF the Communist Party in Genoa leaned over his desk. "Reconstruction has many aspects," he said in Italian. The English teacher translated.

"Italian capital would like to continue in the old way. They try to carry out a program in their own interests, their class interest. They would like to continue as they did under fascism."

The secretary of the Party in Genoa, Comrade Pessi, is a man of medium height with brownish hair. Though everything he said had to be translated by the English teacher, he directed his remarks to me in a slow, thoughtful Italian. His slow speech was in contrast to the quick movements of his hands and fingers as they rearranged the articles on his desk or toyed with a pencil.



"PRODUCTION is slow to improve." He offered me an Italian cigarette and lit one for himself. The cigarette had a strong bitter taste. "But it is improving. There is more material now. But transport continues to be difficult. And capital," he shrugged, "Italian capitalists are not using their capital for reconstruction, or for industry."

"The strike of the bosses," I suggested.

The English teacher translated. Pessi laughed. "Yes," he said. "It is a good description."

"And what does the Italian Communist Party propose to do to counteract this?" I asked.

"First: the government subscription." I had read about the new government bonds in the European edition of the Herald Tribune, and Genoa was plastered with fine looking posters calling on the people to subscribe to the reconstruction. The bonds pay 3.5 percent interest and are tax exempt.

"Second," Pessi continued, "We call on the government to place special taxes on capital, estates, etc. Third: change the Lire, the money, in order to check up on capital ownership. Finally, nationalization of credit. Credit to be used for reconstruction. Our slogan is a new economic course, a course suited to the present needs of Italy. We do not propose overall nationalization but we do

seek to nationalize electricity and the chemical industries.

THIS IS IN the national interest. And of course the state must encourage production in the national interest, not as in the past in private interests, in selfish interest, but in the interest of the nation as a whole, the people. We do not seek to obstruct private production. We seek production in the interest of the nation." Pessi stopped for a moment and asked the English teacher to translate back to him. Then he nodded. "In the national interest," he repeated.

I raised the question of nationalization in England. The nationalization of the British coal mines was carried out in a manner that benefited the mine owners more than the people.

As I spoke Pessi nodded his head. "That's just it," he said, "we want to avoid the mistakes made in England. Nationalization must be carried out by a genuine people's government."

"Why the emphasis on Electrical and Chemical?" I asked.

"The electric industry in Italy," he said, "leads the way to more production and further nationalization. All industry is dependant on electric. And chemical industry is the basis for agriculture. This is the hub of the wheel."

PESSI LOOKED at his watch. "I have a meeting. Just a few more things. Agrarian reform. That is the next problem. Before all else to do away with the great estates. We must help the agricultural worker. We must increase agricultural production. The great estates must be transformed."

They must become cooperatives in the interest not only of the farmers but of all the people." He got up from behind the desk and put on his coat. "And another thing. The development of special industry. That is, industry adapted to the particular resources of the country." He looked at his watch again. "It is late." We shook hands.

Before he left he said: "You see, for all these things to happen it is necessary to do more than just talk about them."



Henn Feeding Time: It's dinner time for Joan Mary Henn, only girl in the quadruplets born to British war bride Mrs. Charles Henn of Baltimore. Nurse Anita Lavin is holding the bottle.



"—And as your new foreman, I want you boys to look upon me as your fairy godfather."

—From the CIO News.

In the Negro Press

DEMAND CONGRESS ACT TO HALT LYNCHINGS

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE reminded us "It is clear that the people who hate lynching must go again to Washington demanding effective action by the 80th Congress which convenes next month." From Truman on down to the federal grand jury that whitewashed the Georgia lynchings, federal authorities are refusing to hit lynching a hard blow by making it a crime. In Georgia they decided that no civil rights had been violated even though the four Negroes were murdered in cold blood. Now Truman will probably claim he can't do anything because the Republicans will spank.

THE AMSTERDAM NEWS said "George VI may cancel his South African visit . . . if the protests already sent to Buckingham Palace against the proposed visit by Indians and Africans are heeded." It's a little hard to see his highness heeding anything his exploited colonials say, however, it might be a little embarrassing to have those "ungrateful" Africans and Indians demonstrating during the visit. Smuts would be sure to shoot them down.

PITTSBURGH COURIER columnist Dick Rendall belabors the American press for its own "iron curtains." "It's all right with me if they want to talk about curtains, iron or otherwise, as long as they give the subject a complete discussion. My burn begins when they ignore some iron curtains which the American press has tucked around certain groups within this country. . . . News stories of members of these groups will usually make page one if they are of a criminal nature. . . . This handy little policy is also used in presenting labor news. The angle is to keep pounding away on the front page with stories that connect union members with violence, strikes, and communism. . . . The American press for the most part isn't going in for educational programs for making any attempt to get behind curtains in this country. They are too busy wasting newsprint over the great issue of free-

dom of the press, American style, for Russia."

THE CHICAGO BEE said, "The people are seriously and anxiously wondering about those glorious promises of a bright postwar rear. The kind of postwar bickering and deadend statesmanship now provided by the major political parties have not served to mature those hopes by ushering that hungrily awaited prosperity."

THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS told of a recent editorial in the Haitian paper Le Nouvelliste that backed the struggle of American Negroes for freedom. "The editorial listed many horrible crimes against colored people in Alabama and other parts of the deep South, and castigated a small minority of Haitians who are unconcerned about the welfare of colored Americans. . . . These were charged with 'psychological treason'."

THE AFRO-AMERICAN wrote of a letter, from a Virgin Island resident. "All signs are that this Christmas will go down on the record as one of the worst to be experienced in the history of American occupation of this, if not the other islands. . . . Let Washington not forget that the people of the islands are hungry, they are 75 percent penniless, and above all they want money with which to feed their wives and children."

WORTH REPEATING

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the thunder and roar of its awful waters. This struggle may be a moral one or it may be a physical, or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. . . . The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress. In the light of these ideas, Negroes will be hunted at the North, and held and flogged at the South, so long as they submit to these devilish outrages, and make no resistance, either moral or physical. . . ." Frederick Douglass in an address on West Indian Emancipation, August 4, 1857.

Press Roundup

Chiang Unites With Chiang For 'Coalition' Gov't

THE TIMES declares the new Chinese constitution was adopted by an assembly "representing all major political divisions of China, except the Communists." The most significant political group outside the Kuomintang and the Communists is the Democratic League which did not participate in the assembly. The population living in Communist regions alone is greater than the total population of the United States. There will be a one year transition period before Chiang Kai-shek allows his constitution to go into effect. During this period the reins of the dictatorship will be in his hands. But the Times says "China is to be ruled by a coalition government. . . ." In this coalition Chiang Kai-shek's left hand unites with his right hand, while waging war against democratic League and Communists.

THE DAILY NEWS correspondent in Poland, Robert Conway, dutifully cables fantastic stories about tortures inflicted by the government on its opponents. He heard the stories, from people who heard the stories—and of course he is reporting propaganda. But when he takes time off from his propaganda to be a reporter, he finds an "atmosphere of holiday cheer prevailed in Polish cities and villages."

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM, whose own reporter was responsible for concocting the story that the Russians delivered an ultimatum to the Americans—says the United States State Department is controlled by the Communists. Caught in a lie, responsible for inventing an ultimatum which was never issued, Scripps-Howard covers by screaming Red. Just another lesson showing how red-baiters menace America.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN assails the Russians, for a Dairén incident that never occurred. When the facts point to lack of a conflict between Russians and Americans in Dairén Hearst joins Scripps-Howard in demanding conflict.

PM'S Leon Edel believes "Canada is anxious to reconcile U. S. and Soviet views on the atom and feels that arguments over procedure should be subordinated to achieving unity on the essentials of atom control. . . . American insistence on immediate settlement of the veto issue as the sine qua non of the Baruch plan is interpreted by some sources as inspired in part by those elements which would like to have the Atomic Energy Commission clear of Security Council Authority."

THE POST notes "Our Town is not fooling about race discrimination." (Continued on Page 8)

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The Red-Baiters' Conspiracy

THE real reason for maintaining the House Un-American Committee could not be better seen than in the latest action of its counsel, the professional whipper-upper of red scares, Ernie Adamson.

This gentleman has just come up with another copy of the red-baiters' phonograph record in the form of an official report in which dire and terrible fantasies about "conspiracies" and "revolutions" and "uprisings" are dished out to frighten the naive.



RANKIN

But not only to frighten the naive.

What is far more to the point, Mr. Adamson has just summoned the trade unions of the USA, especially the CIO, to "purge itself."

That is to say, Mr. Adamson is demanding that the CIO cripple itself with internal quarrels at the very moment that its economist, Robert Nathan, has proved that Big Capital can raise wages by 25 percent and still hog a 200 percent increase in profits over the 1936-39 prewar years.

CIO president Murray has rejected such a purge as Adamson proposes as a move to shatter his great organization.

Mr. Adamson is serving another "red scare" as his contribution to the employers' drive against any wage increases. The House Un-American Rankin Committee is here clearly seen as an auxiliary weapon for use against the trade unions and democracy itself.



MURRAY

Mr. Adamson levels his attack against the Communists whom he blames for the strikes which stubborn and greedy employers have forced upon labor. He says that Communists "dominate 17 unions in the CIO."

All this poppycock is shattered by the known facts. Was it "Communist domination" which caused the 250,000 trainmen and engineers of the Railroad Brotherhoods to strike for higher pay and better working conditions? Was it "Communist domination" which caused the AFL unions of Oakland, California, to call a general strike against police herding of scabs?

One could extend the list indefinitely. Where labor is forced to strike it is because they have exhausted all means of negotiation and settlement. It is hunger, debts and inhuman working conditions which cause strikes.

Mr. Adamson branches out even further. He demands along with his sponsor, the notorious Rankin, that any American working in the Library of Congress or even in the universities, whose thoughts don't meet the Simon Legree standards of the Mississippi Congressman, shall be investigated and purged. The "Department of Dangerous Thoughts" is now being established in this democracy. Let every Roosevelt liberal, progressive or labor man beware!

Mr. Adamson is sore that members of the UN from He talks eagerly, as if it is an item on a schedule already decided upon, of "a war between Russia and the United States." He links the current demands of labor with such a possibility, and warns that strikes have the aim of hampering such a war. Thus, Mr. Adamson proves that the manufacture of a false "war scare" between Russia and the USA is a weapon for bullying labor into submission.

Mr. Adamson is sore that members of the UN from Poland, USSR, France and others have spoken at American public meetings against Franco fascism, and for American-Soviet friendship. But he is not sore that Mr. Smuts of South Africa spoke before the National Association of Manufacturers defending Jimcrow slavery in the South African mines. It is not "interference" he objects to, but the fight against fascism.

Adamson's tirades against labor and progressive Americans, masked as anti-communism, should be a sober warning to the trade unions and to all liberal-minded Americans. It is they who are the targets of this latest anti-Communist sensation, no less than the small group of American Marxists.

PEPPERMINT-STICK-UP



Letters From Our Readers

An Old Man Writes
To Howard Fast

The following letter was received by Howard Fast who has consented to its publication in this column:

PT. ORCHARD, Wash.

Dear Friend:

I have just finished reading your book called *Freedom Road*. To me, the names, the places and the conditions that existed for you, are very true to me. I am 73 years of age, and never went to school. But I have played an active part in many fights for justice, for the freedom of the press, the right to organize. I have seen and known many people of different colors, who like myself, have taken an active part in the struggles of the workers for right and justice and have seen men die by violence created by law and order.

Freedom Road is a good book. It covers a good subject, and it does a great deal of good. I buy all such books that I can scrape the money together to buy. I subscribe to all papers worth while so far as I can I do not spend one cent a year for the capitalist papers.

There is a great light shining in the USSR for all of us to see and use our heads. This light is spreading to every country in the world. We have a lot to be thankful for.

I look at the people and I see a great change that has come forward in all the world. But I also see the growth of organized terror. KKK, Fascists, Nazis. I see the rich organized in these terror groups. I see Truman, Connally, Byrnes, Bevin, Attlee, the tools of Free Enterprise.

We are running in circles, money is worth about 23 cents to a dollar now. Communists are told they can join the army but get no higher rank than corporal. Seems to me the line is drawn, Communist on one side, outright Fascist on the other.

I seldom get ten feet from the house now but perhaps when warm weather comes I may be able to go a little further. In the meantime I must read and learn, but it does seem at times that the big boys create quite a laugh, they are so easy to understand because they cannot learn and they are groping in the garbagepile of hate, because the workers are somehow interfering with the big boys' chance to pile up more profit to take to hell with them.

WM. FERGUSON

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

NAM Poison Does Pay Off

By George Morris

WRITING IN THE December issue of the Typographical Journal, president Woodruff of the International Typographical Union (AFL) observes that hysterical anti-labor propaganda "has paid off in the eyes of anti-union industrialists to the point where it is thought a direct fight against labor will have public support."

Randolph further notes that as a result of this propaganda there is a stiffening of resistance to fair wages and hours of work. But he also points out that "some 'labor leaders' who are described as 'labor statesmen' put out the employers' line and are therefore good people."

So far, so good. This sounds like the Randolph who I once heard make a speech at an AFL convention sharply critical of the labor-splitting policy of the top leaders of the Federation.

BUT, AS WE read on, Randolph goes off in a sudden twist with the assertion that there are two "party lines." One, he says, is the Communist "line" which "varies according to extraneous factors having nothing to do with collective bargaining"; the other, the employer line, and he adds:

"The Communist will make impossible demands and try to discredit any fair progress by his union. The employer will help the Communist by refusing fair wages, hours and working conditions."

This doesn't sound like the words of a man whose progressive ticket was red-baited during ITU elections.

The millions of dollars worth of poison put out by the NAM and the Publishers Association has certainly paid off. It is also true that the principal weapon of this insidious employer propaganda is the red-scare line—the line of dividing and disrupting a union membership from within. And it is also true, as Randolph himself implies, that this line has had its effect on some labor leaders, and Randolph himself is bending knees before the red bogey.

Randolph actually uses the scape-goat technique. "Who, me? It's the Communists who are giving you all the troubles," he tells the publishers in effect.

NOW WE COMMUNISTS have developed thick skins in our ex-

perience with attacks upon us.

But what does this mean for the 80,000 ITU members? It doesn't take a sharpshooter to notice that Randolph is giving comfort to the "stiffened" employers who are shouting that ITU wage demands are "impossible." It is also plain that in the eyes of Randolph those who press for substantial wage increases are "Communists." Isn't he advising employers to stick the "red" label upon them?

In the first place it simply isn't true to say that Communists in the ITU are making "impossible" demands. Nowhere in any of the major ITU locals are Communists particularly distinguished from others on the size of the wage demands. The publishers have in recent months been giving much publicity to demands by the Chicago, Washington and New York locals, describing them as "impossible." But will Randolph suggest that Communists were decisive in framing those demands or that the locals are run by Communists?

IT SEEMS TO US that only about a year ago, when the ITU set out to enforce its rules, and called a couple of small strikes, Randolph hit the front pages of newspapers from coast to coast as a wild and woolly "radical" who was "impossible." Incidentally, we have learned in recent times that it is easy to put demands and set the figure as high as you like. But what counts is how much is actually delivered through pay envelopes. In that respect the Communists plead guilty to the policy of never settling for a song.

I only wish that the big influence Randolph credits the Communists with was true in his or other AFL unions. In a recent radio debate with Milton Murray, president of the American Newspaper Guild, I proved that left influence in unions, far from being "dangerous," as he charges, pays off in top conditions for the members they lead. I pressed him for at least one example to prove that Communist or left leadership harms the workers. He couldn't produce a single case.

The challenge still holds. I'll be pleased to hear on that from Randolph or any other labor leader in our 48 states and territories.

Chrysler Sits on Profit Egg As Pay Bargaining Opens

By William Allan

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—The first Monday of 1947 the UAW Chrysler Department will open negotiations on the demand for a 23.5 cents an hour wage increase. The CIO union will bargain for 75,000 workers in 13 Chrysler plants. With more than 20 percent

Allis-Chalmers Refuses UAW Arbitration Offer

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—The Allis-Chalmers Co. has again refused an offer to settle the 240-day-old strike. R. J. Thomas, UAW vice-president, appointed head of the strike, last week suggested the strike could be ended

through a fact finding panel appointed by President Truman. Thomas said if the company was willing to accept this proposal the union would ask the men to return to work pending the outcome of the panel's proposals.

Thomas stated that since the Allis-Chalmers workers went on strike eight months ago in protest against the arbitrary terms of the company, the company has been running to the government for aid in breaking the strike. It was not enough, Thomas declared, that the company had Federal funds through tax rebates with which it was financing its holdout on the workers but it has obtained a state agency, the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board, to act as strikebreakers. Also, Thomas said, the company has gone to the state courts for injunctions; to the city and county for deputies and police to beat up the strikers and escort scabs into the plant.

"It is obvious," said Thomas, "that Allis-Chalmers is not in the least bit interested in settling this strike. In our demands we have asked for nothing that we have not received from Allis-Chalmers competitors.

Our demands are just and we are only attempting to wipe out the substandard wages from which AC workers and the city of Milwaukee suffer."

Thomas took occasion in his report on the Allis-Chalmers strike to refute the charge that unionists had used violence in Milwaukee.

"No amount of deceit, no amount of hypocrisy can cover up the fact," Thomas declared, "that only company arrogance and its determination to smash the union stands in the way of settling this strike."

Thomas said the company keeps asking the union to take a vote on the company offer of 13 1/2 cents. This offer he said was rejected by the union and the union will put this to the workers for a vote any time with full confidence that the members will substantiate the union leaders' position that it's not enough.

In conclusion Thomas declared: "These are the facts of the Allis-Chalmers situation and that is why we propose that the issue should go before either arbitration or fact finding committees set up by President Truman. A handful of wilful and powerful monopolists cannot be allowed to smash unions, to starve people and beat them into submission or to exploit workers through the payment of sweatshop wages. Forty thousand members of the CIO in Wisconsin and five million members of the CIO in the United States are determined they shall not."

Press Roundup

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tion. We don't like it and will not tolerate it."

THE SUN'S George E. Sokolsky attacks the Newspaper Guild for honoring people like Henry Wallace, Brig. Gen. Evans Carlson, Sen. Claude Pepper and comedian Fred Allen. Sokolsky finds real proof of the Guild's subversive tendencies in its failure to honor Senators Tom Connally, Arthur Vandenberg.

THE DAILY MIRROR still has a Christmas cheer hangover and it says some kind words about militant socialist Eugene Debs, imprisoned for "violating" an injunction in the railroad strike of 1894. Debs is dead, so Hearst's editors honor his memory by favoring injunctions against labor today—50 years after Debs was jailed.

THE NEW YORK POST quotes speaker-designate Joe Martin as privately advising a "prominent Negro Republican" that the GOP-controlled Congress is "not going to pass the FECP bill." "We are supported mainly by New England and Midwest industrialists who would stop their contributions if we passed a law that would compel them to stop religious as well as racial discrimination in employment," Martin is quoted as saying. Martin, the Post points out, will be "one of the top three or four men in the new Republican Congress."

Dog Story

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 26.—A war dog held police at bay for more than an hour when they tried to arrest Lt. Howard W. Anderson, 24, of Scott Field, on traffic charges.

Anderson refused to submit to

arrest and threatened to set the dog—a German shepherd—upon anyone who approached him. Finally a military police car arrived from Scott Field and Anderson got in.

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Polish Fascists Sent To Garrison Palestine

Polish troops of Gen. Anders' pro-fascist army are being shipped to Palestine to reinforce British occupation forces there, according to a confidential report from Paris released by the American League for a Free Palestine.

Harry Louis Selden, co-chairman of the League protested "this confirmation of the repressive and anti-Semitic character of the British regime in Palestine."

"General Anders' army," he said, "is notorious for its mis-

12 Shopping Days to Xmas - In Russia

By Walter Cronkite
By United Press

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—Most of the western world's embassies in Moscow celebrated their Christmas yesterday but the average Russian is just starting now on Christmas shopping and holidays.

The official holiday falls on New Year's Day while the Russian religious Christmas comes 14 days after Dec. 25, according to the Julian calendar.

U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith and his wife held a Christmas party at the American Embassy last night for the American and Latin American colonies. Midnight mass was held in Father George Laberge's little French Church of St. Louis.

Shawled and booted Russian women are carrying fir trees home through the streets of Moscow today and the Christmas buying crowds are just beginning to crowd the big Mostorg department store.

Russian secretaries and other employees in American offices are beginning to ask for the afternoon off so they can do some shopping or go out and get a Christmas tree.

There was no white Christmas for Americans in Moscow this year but there may be snow when the Russian Christmas comes along. Last week's heavy fall of snow almost completely disappeared from the streets, a strange thing for Moscow at this time of year, but the outskirts of the city and the surrounding countryside are covered by a spotless blanket of white.

Students Will Hold US Parley

Delegates representing over a million students from all over the United States will meet at the University of Chicago on Dec. 28-30 to lay the groundwork for a new national student organization.

An outgrowth of the International Student Congress held this summer in Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Chicago meeting will bring together student representatives from 300 universities, colleges and national student organizations.

According to Russell Austin, chairman of the American Delegation to the Prague Congress, "the December Conference will establish an American Student organization based on the common interests and needs of students in the United States."

The anticipated aims of the organization are:

1—Represent students on all issues concerning student affairs.
2—Provide channels for American students to become acquainted with foreign students.

3—Increased participation by American students in the activities of the International Union of Students.

4—Eventual cooperation with the appropriate United Nations agency to promote the interests of lasting peace.

Meetings will be held in Leon Mandel Hall on the campus of the University of Chicago.

treatment of Jews within its own ranks by both enlisted men and officers. Its underground units in Poland have been the worst offenders in pogroms there, being responsible for the Kielce massacre and other outrages. Colonial authorities cannot find enough British subjects to do the dirty work of imperialism in Palestine."

The Polish troops, wearing British uniforms without insignia, are being assembled at a point near Hyeres, France, according to the report. They are expected to embark aboard British ships now lying in the port of Marseilles within the next few days.

From Frying Pan Into the Cooler

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—A 16-year-old girl escaped when deputies stepped from a room in the County Jail where she was being questioned on a larceny charge. She fled down the street and ducked into another building. It was the City Jail.

Fine Flying Fined

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 26.—Municipal Judge John Denny praised James Hammond's flying ability today before sentencing the former Royal Canadian Air Force flier to pay \$100 fine and costs for staging a terrifying aerial circus over the city Monday.

Hundreds of Tulsans complained to police during Hammond's performance. Flying an advanced single engine training plane, the pilot zoomed into loops at rooftop level and dived at church steeples. His "show" lasted two hours and he was arrested the minute he landed.

Civil Aeronautics authorities had revoked his pilot's license earlier.

RANK-FILE AND VET SLATE IN SILK WEAVERS' ELECTIONS

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 26.—A Rank and File-Veteran ticket is in the field against the administration of Silk Weavers, Local 75, Textile Workers Union (CIO) in Saturday's balloting.

Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The slate of Rank and File and veteran candidates is headed by Hyman Gurinsky for the presidency and Herman Heres, Jr., for business agent. The ticket is backed by a coalition of progressive forces in the union.

The administration's forces are directed by Sol Stetin, New Jersey director of the TWU. Stetin is a Social Democrat, a rabid red-baiter who seeks to establish the same type of union regime here that David Dubinsky has in the AFL's International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Southern Wins Negro College Title

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. (UP).—Southern University of Baton Rouge, La., trampled Tuskegee Institute 64-7 in the first annual Yam Bowl game today to annex the mythical Negro Football championship of Dixie.

Crowd of more than 15,000 Jam-

med Dal-Hi Stadium to watch Southern, Southwestern Conference Champion, Tuskegee, south-east Negro grid champion.

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

THE VISITOR from England wants to take home a full report on the American press, so he asked me some questions about our sports pages.

"Now I see in today's press," he began, "that one Pollet leads Senior Loop's pitching averages."

"Right," said I.

"Am I correct in assuming that pitching is part of baseball, your national pastime?"

"Right again."

"Well, well," he said, starting to jot down some notes in a little book. "No wonder there's no international understanding. We just don't know the facts about each other. We had the impression that baseball was played in the summer time. . . ."

"It is," I interrupted. "You see, these are just the statistics on various phases of last summer's baseball season."

The visitor crossed out his notes and nodded. "Isn't that interesting? There must be tremendous suspense created while the statisticians work from the end of the baseball season until the end of December to determine who was the best pitcher. . . ."

"Well, not exactly," I said. "Everybody knew Pollet was the National League's leading pitcher the day the season ended in September."

This time he waited respectfully, a little gun-shy, so I went on.

"These statistics are complete as soon as the season ends but they are doled out in December to keep the game in the people's minds."

"Ah," he said, "that's comprehensible. Very interesting. Then this is your American football season?"

"No," I said, "football is over. This is actually basketball season if anything."

"Ah, ha," he nodded, looking at the sports pages again. "I see it is also bowling season."

"Bowling season?" I asked. "What makes you say that? Bowling is a big sport all year round, probably the greatest participation sport for the American working class."

"Well, here now," he replied, "Illinois practices for Rose Bowl. Sellout for Cotton Bowl. Rice Bowl, Tobacco Bowl, Sun Bowl, Orange Bowl. . . what sport would that be?"

"That's football," I said, unhappily knowing exactly what was coming. It came.

"Football? You said the football season was over."

"It is really," I explained. "And then again it isn't. You see, after the regular schedules end, some college teams invite others to play against them on New Years Day. They call them Bowl games in imitation of the original such game, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. As you note, they have all kinds of Bowls now. The number of Bowl games is limited only by the ability to think up new bowls. In another year there may even be a . . ."

This time he interrupted me. "But of course," he said, "just like our English football, which you call soccer. Wolverhampton and Southampton just met for the Class A championship. These bowl games are played to determine championships of various sections?"

"Not exactly," I answered a little sadly. "The original Rose Bowl game may have had a little of that in mind but now they are played strictly for the old dough and the local Chamber of Commerce. Of course, they do try to get good teams as they are good attractions."

"I see," he said. "Your CCNY must have a very good football team. I recently read a headline about their already winning the Bowling Green game."

I let that ride and continued his education on American sports.

"Now we have a Western Conference of Colleges known as the Big Nine. For years they scorned all invitations to Bowl games, refusing to become contaminated with commercialism. This year after some quiet negotiations with the West Coast Conference, which annually produces one of the Rose Bowl contestants, they changed their minds. Now not only are they willing to become contaminated about \$50,000 worth for having one of their teams participate, but they don't want anybody else to become contaminated, so they could have exclusive rights to supply the non-Pacific contestant."

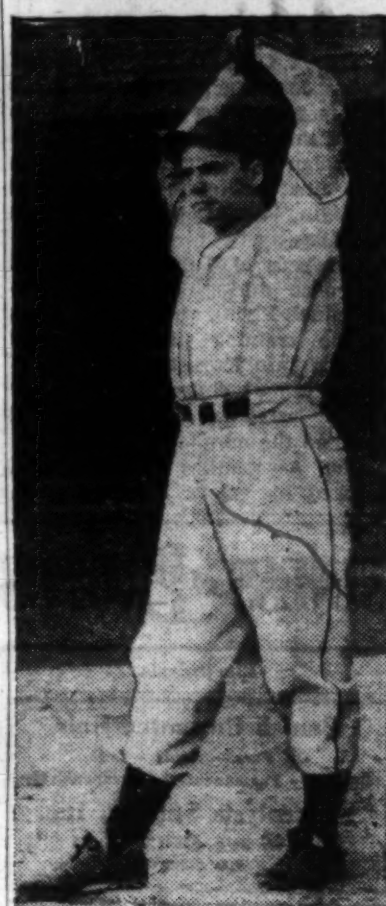
Our visitor was rapidly scrawling notes. "Sordid, isn't it?" he commented. "Crass American commercialism."

"That it is, brother," I agreed. "But take home with you no misleading picture of a group of cheerless young men being pushed reluctantly into battle on the football field. These two teams of young Americans representing the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Illinois are mainly composed of working class boys subsidized by the schools because of their playing ability. Most of them are veterans, there are incidentally five Negro players on the two teams and, in spite of anything you may read in Mike Gold's column about no honest sports being possible under capitalism, they will be playing their hearts out, and I sure would like to be out there watching the game."

"Very interesting," said the visitor as he prepared to leave, "though somewhat confusing."

"Not really," I concluded. "Certainly the commercialized spectacle around these games represents capitalism in action but they can't PLAY the game with dollar bills. Down on the field are the same kind of fellows who will be playing some day without benefit of Chamber of Commerce. They're honest and they're good to watch."

Auto Workers to Press Fight on ABC Jimcrow



KIRBY HIGBE found some ammunition for his 1947 contract dickering in the pitching percentages released yesterday. They showed him second in the league in strikeouts and first of Brooklyn's righthanders in earned run percentages. Rookie Hatten was first in the latter category.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—The UAW-CIO will not sponsor bowling teams in the 1947-48 season in leagues and tournaments of the American Bowling Congress unless by that time the ABC has put an end to its discriminatory practices against Negro bowlers. This action taken at the recent International Executive Board meeting was in answer to hundreds of resolutions, requests and delegations to individual board members over a long period of time by auto workers.

Thousands of bowling teams exist in the auto workers union and segregation is in force because bowling alley proprietors will not recognize any average unless it is gotten in tournaments under ABC auspices. And these bowling alley owners will not allow mixed teams in tournaments.

The UAW Executive Board instructed its Fair Practices Department to open negotiations with the American Bowling Congress seeking to eliminate from the Congress constitution the discrimination clause which reads as follows:

"City Associations shall be composed of teams with a membership of three or more individuals of the white male sex. . . . In outlying possessions of the United States or in foreign countries, city associations may permit the affiliation of other races, provided the board of directors of the city association decides, but in participation of any, except members of the white male sex, it is restricted to league and tournament play under the jurisdiction of their own city association."

The UAW Board declared that if the ABC will not remove this obnoxious section of its constitution then the union will sever from the

ABC the relationship of all bowling teams sponsored in the name of or by the UAW and its locals.

This year at the ABC Congress in the city of Buffalo, a delegation of Negro and white bowlers from Ford local 600, UAW, went to the convention to fight this discrimination and participate in the bowling sessions.

First the Negro members of the delegation were not even allowed in the hall where the Congress was in session either to speak or to bowl. The white Ford local delegates got in, sought to take the floor and were refused. A picket line was thrown around the ABC convention by the Buffalo Communist Party, protesting the discrimination. This action by the Buffalo Communist Party was reported to Local 600 by the delegates and loud applause greeted the action when it was reported in the union General Council body.

This statement of a new policy towards ABC by the leaders of \$50,000 auto workers is long overdue. For several years the UAW has been trying through top negotiations to break down this discrimination by this outfit.

John Gallo, Recreational Director of Ford Local 600, UAW, when asked about the Board's policy towards ABC said: "It's about time that we began doing something about this scandalous discrimination practiced under the authority of ABC in all the bowling alleys of American cities and towns. But I think that we will have to go into a real national campaign on this. It will not be enough if the Fair Practices Committee of the UAW begins again for the umpteenth time negotiations with that outfit. It has to be conducted along with the whole national united Labor movement going into the campaign. We have to set up in each community citizens committees against Discrimination in Bowling, made up of all sections of labor, churches, fraternal groups, civic and youth organizations along with the bowling teams."

"Mixed bowling teams must go to the alleys and demand the right to participate in regular tournaments and if the alley owners refuse then we start picketing. I would urge now the preparation for the ABC Congress. See to it that hundreds of Negro and white delegates go there and demand the right of participation and if denied then let's do like the Buffalo Communists Party did last year, picket the Congress with thousands of bowlers against discrimination."

The 'Daily' Roundup

Rocky's Aching Back; Schroeder Does It

THERE'S LOTS of comment on the sudden cancellation of tonight's scheduled Graziano-Shank bout at the Garden. Rocky begged off with a reported "inflamed sacro-iliac." There are those who point out that Rocky has shown little enthusiasm for the fistie wars since Tony Zale took his Sunday punches and sap him down with a vicious wallop to the solar plexus. Shank didn't figure too tough for a first comeback attempt, but that's what they're saying.

DOWN UNDER where it's mid-summer, two big young Californians seem slated to return the Davis Cup, symbolic of world tennis superiority, to the U. S. Ted Schroeder, a last minute choice to start instead of Frankie Parker, took the measure of Australia's best, the ambidextrous Bromwich 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3 in the opener and Jack Kramer breezed through Dinny Pails in three straight. The boys can afford

to lose the doubles and one of the singles on the final day and still come out on top.

GEORGE HALAS, coach of the championship Chicago Bears, answered criticism of his team's rough play in beating the Giants with "That game was no rougher than the kind we play with Green Bay twice a year. That was a football match we were trying to win, not a tennis match." But we still didn't know breaking noses via a Springle forearm was an integral part of football. . . .

AND STEVE OWENS of those same Giants pays tribute to end Jim Benton of the Los Angeles Rams saying he can make diving catches of passes the great Don Hutson wouldn't have touched.

THE HIGH COST of skiing came in for some criticism from the New York City Ski Council, which is a loose organization of the 22 winter sports clubs in the city.

Some of My Best Friends Are Bookies...

In the wake of the pro football fix attempt there has been some confusion in terms. Some of the poor, honest bookies are complaining about being slandered. A word of clarification:

A bookmaker is one who makes a business of accepting bets. It's a pretty good business by and large because the odds, fixed by the big brains of bookieland, are generally figured close enough to give the books a good take-home on the basis of their point spread, which has been previously explained.

Bookmaking, before we go any

further, is illegal. Like selling liquor was during prohibition. Everybody knew where to get liquor then, anyone who wants to bet can find a bookie anxious to accommodate him.

But as in other businesses there are "big" guys and "little" guys and they can't all be lumped together promiscuously. Many a little bookie is a reasonably honest little entrepreneur by his own lights and remembering that the whole thing is supposedly illegal. He takes bets, gets hit once in a while, does pretty well on the whole and isn't really a gambler

in the proper understanding of the word.

The primary menace right now is not the little bookie who takes the bet and is satisfied with his percentage but the big gamblers, the professional gambling syndicates with big money. They are not satisfied with the bookies' percentage. They want to be sure of their dough and they're quite willing to try to fix the events their way.

Now please, no indignant letters saying that we are defenders of bookies and bookmaking. We are not. This little exposition is

merely to point out the essential difference between a little bookie who takes bets and pockets a margin of the suckers' money, and big, ruthless and thoroughly dishonest big gambling syndicates who try to buy off events and occasionally succeed in finding a corruptible athlete.

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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

Prof. Paul Langevin: 1872-1946

He Fought Every Attempt to Shackle the Human Mind

By Samuel Sillen

THE death of Prof. Paul Langevin at 74 is a great loss not only to France but to the entire civilized world. He represented the highest type of intellectual in our time. A distinguished physicist, he was also one of the foremost anti-fascist fighters of his country. Like his colleague Frederick Joliot Curie, he was a member of the French Communist Party.

Prof. Langevin offers an inspiring model to the scientist of the so-called atomic age. He knew that the enemies of science are the enemies of mankind. For him there was no distinction between the scientist and the citizen. Carrying forward the great French tradition of reason, the tradition of Descartes and Diderot, he fought every attempt to shackle the human mind. And this fight led him out of the laboratory into the arena of social struggle against the forces that would turn every advance of science into a threat against the human race.

At his death, Prof. Langevin was a researcher and adviser to the French Bureau of Atomic Energy. He was concerned not with developing new means of destruction but of creation. Our government's iron curtain separated him from his American colleagues.

"The defense of science and the scientists constitutes for every man a duty toward civilization. This is the thought and the rule of action of the Communists." And this statement by Jacques Duclos has a corollary exemplified by Prof. Langevin. It is that the defense of progress and humanity constitute for every true scientist a sacred duty toward science.

His scientific career went back to the beginning of the century, when he was a co-worker of Pierre and Marie Curie, discoverers of radium. When Pierre Curie died in 1905, Langevin succeeded to his chair at the University of Paris School of Physics and Chemistry.

For his scientific contributions he received the Nobel Prize and the Copley Medal of the Royal Society. He made important studies on X-rays, wrote theoretical works on relativity, magnetism, thermodynamics.



Prof. Langevin was a major world figure in the fight against fascism at a time when many scientists had not yet learned that politics was intimately their affair too. A member of the international commission which investigated the German Reichstag fire, he worked hard to teach the world that the fire was a Nazi plot to discredit Communists and furnish an excuse for starting an anti-Communist drive. He knew that the anti-Communist slogan is a threat to every democratic movement.

Prof. Langevin was president of the French Committee of Union Against Fascism, and he was honorary president of the World Committee for the Victims of Hitler Fascism, of which Albert Einstein was a member.

He was, not surprisingly, the first French professor arrested by the Nazis when they invaded the country. His daughter and her husband, the scientist Jacques Solomon, were deported to Germany, where Solomon was murdered. Langevin himself was able to escape in May, 1944. Upon his return to Paris soon after the liberation, he joined the Communist Party.

Prof. Langevin was elected municipal councillor of Paris in April, 1945. A few months later he was appointed by the French Ministry of Education as head of a special commission to modernize the educational system. Not long before his death he was appointed alternate delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

As an educator, Langevin's main ambition was to broaden the base of free compulsory schooling. He was also deeply concerned with a progressive revision of the French universities.

On the day of his death, the session of the National Assembly opened with an eulogy by Vincent Auriol, the president, who declared that "France has just lost one of her illustrious sons."

The esteem in which he was held, the responsibilities to which he was assigned, signify the strength of the progressive movement in his country today. When we see a Rankin attempting to persecute a Shapley, when we see reactionary powers in Washington seeking to browbeat the nuclear physicists, we should be spurred by the example of a Langevin to wage with renewed vigor the fight against would-be dictators of the human spirit.

MIKE QUIN

Slogan here is short and sweet—to them, profits—to us, flat feet

I am a clerk
In a department store.
My feet have corns
From the hard stone floor.

I'm supposed to sell
The stuff in here
For a price that would shock
A buccaneer.

Do you want it delivered,
Or will you carry it?
You'd never take me,
For the proletariat.

Or would you?

Cash, or charge, or C.O.D.
They say I belong
To the bourgeoisie.
Oh brother!
I ache at one end
And smile at the other.

My bosses are high class
Nickel squeezers.
I count my pay
With a pair of tweezers.

I own this suit
And a change of Sox,
And keep my savings
In an aspirin box.

It's the merit system,
Short and sweet;
They get the profits,
We get flat feet.

We stand all day,
They sit on their rumps.
They live in penthouses,
We live in dumps.

They tell me my necktie
And horn-rimmed glasses
Make me a part
Of the middle classes.

I live on beans
And seldom see meat.
Tell me, what do the lower
Classes eat?

They tell me a clerk
In a clean white-collar
Should never strike
And never holler.

It's rude.

We've a marvelous future
Under capitalism.
Today we have personality;
Tomorrow rheumatism.

Is there something for you?
Or just looking around?
I can measure it out
By the yard or the pound.

I can take it, too.

You guys in dungarees
Who call each other brother.
Move over and make room.
Here comes another.

Don't think I'm not a union man
And a working stiff as well
When you work on a cold stone
floor all day
You go home stiff as hell.

Will you take it with you,
Or have it sent?
Would you like it wrapped
As a gift?
The union way to higher pay
Is get together and lift.

ANT Students In 'Holy Night'

Holy Night, a play by Sierra, will be presented by the students of the American Negro Theatre at the group's workshop, 15 W. 126th St. on Dec. 27-28. The one and one half hour drama, with background choral music, is being staged by Osceola Archer, ANT's Director of Training. She is being assisted by the seven members of the teaching staff.

The cast is composed of first, second and third year students who have been studying the ABC's of the theatre. More than one-third of the students registered with ANT from out of town colleges and little theatres. Many will enter their second semester in January under the State GI Bill of Rights. ANT only recently qualified under the State Board of Education to enroll ex-GI's under the Government sponsored program.

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Peoples' Radio Foundation will mark the end of a successful year by holding an Adventure-Radio party at its headquarters, in the Ballroom of the Hotel Albert, at 11 St. and University Pl. Saturday, Dec. 28. A host of youthful radio talent will be featured: Jerry Reed, ballad-singing brother of Susan Reed will appear with his guitar and his collection of fine Irish ballads. Betty Sanders, well known young composer and singer will also perform. Among the sponsors who plan to be present are Dean Dixon, Howard Fast, Rockwell Kent and others. Tickets at PRF Headquarters. Telephone Oregon 4-7195.

RADIO

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—News; Serenade to America
6:40-WNBC—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Lawrence and Marley
WCBS—Robert Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WNBC—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
WJZ—Headline Edition
WCBS—Mystery of the Week
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Concert Stage
7:15-WNBC—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WCBS—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five Star Final
7:30-WNBC—Barry Wood Show
WOR—Henry J. Taylor
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WCBS—Meredith Wilson Orchestra
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—String Orchestra
7:45-WNBC—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Recorded Music
WHN—J. Steel
8:00-WNBC—Highway in Melody
WOR—Burl Ives, Songs
WJZ—Court of Missing Heirs
WCBS—Baby Snooks Show
WMCA—News; U. N. Records
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WOR—Monica Lewis, Songs

8:30-WNBC—Alan Young Show
WOR—Love Story Theatre
WJZ—This Is Your FBI
WCBS—Adventures of the Thin Man
WMCA—Music That Lives
8:55-WCBS—Bill Henry, News
9:00-WNBC—People Are Funny
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Break the Bank—Quiz
WCBS—Ginny Simms Show
WMCA—News; Adventures Into the Mind
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR—Real Stories
9:30-WNBC—Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto, Chorus
WOR—Bulldog Drummond—Play
WJZ—The Sheriff—Play
WCBS—Durante, Moore Show
WMCA—Composer's Notebook
WQXR—Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR—Great Names
9:55-WJZ—Harry Wismer—Sports
10:00-WNBC—Mystery Theatre
WOR—Spotlight on America
WJZ—Boxing Bouts
WCBS—It Pays to Be Ignorant
WMCA—News; Footlight Revue
WQXR—News; Beatrice Merv, Songs
10:30-WNBC—Sports—Bill Stern
WOR—The Symphonette Orchestra
WCBS—Maiale—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—Just Music
10:45-WNBC—To Be Announced
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2 NMU Leaders Charge Curran Hurts Wage Talks

By Arnold Sroog

Two vice-presidents of the CIO National Maritime Union (NMU), Joseph Stack and Howard McKenzie, charged yesterday that President Joseph Curran's resignation from the Committee for Maritime Unity (CMU) weakened the union's position in wage negotiations starting today.

A spokesman for the American Merchant Marine Institute (AMMI) indicated to the Daily Worker yesterday that the shipowners were prepared to take a stiff stand against any increases whatsoever. When asked whether Curran's action had encouraged the shipowners in this attitude, the spokesman stated that he did not care to go into that matter. He left no doubt, however, that the AMMI considered that the seamen had secured enough raises.

Curran's action was termed by Stack "treason against the membership" of the NMU and "mutiny against the maritime workers." Stack declared Curran's statement announcing his resignation was "mostly false and in a couple of instances outright lies." The resignation, he said, was "a move to destroy the most effective working relationship we have had with the other maritime unions in the last few years."

Both Stack's and McKenzie's statements will appear in the forthcoming issue of *The Pilot*, NMU paper, along with statements by the four other national officers of the union.

A third vice president, Jack Lawrenson, yesterday announced at a press conference that he was resigning his post on the CMU executive board. Ferdinand Smith, NMU secretary, is the third member of the CMU board from the NMU. The NMU affiliated with the CMU following a national referendum in



McKENZIE
Backs CMU

which the vote was 18,129 in favor and 773 against.

The negotiations which begin this morning at AMMI offices at 11 Broadway are based on a wage review clause in the contract. AMMI represents all the shipping companies on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts that have contracts with the NMU, 37 firms in all. Not included are tankers and colliers, which are under separate contract. Chairman of the negotiating committee for the shipowners will be Frank J. Taylor.

The NMU is asking a 25 percent increase based upon the findings of CIO economist Robert Nathan. Curran originally opposed this as "excessive."

The NMU wage committee, which includes all national officers, met all day yesterday in discussions on today's talks. While no statement was forthcoming on the nature of the discussions, it was learned no other topic came up during the meeting.

STACK'S POINTS

Stack made the following points in his blast at Curran:

- Curran's resignation without prior consultation with the NMU's officers violated union democracy and the mandate of the members.

- Curran failed to notify the union of disagreements at the CMU conference last week in San Francisco.

- Curran supported and championed the vote-per-union system followed by CMU at its organizational conference, to answer the fears of smaller unions that they would be dominated by the bigger ones. Curran now attacks this system.

- Curran personally, in the presence of Stack and Hugh Bryson of the Marine Cooks and Stewards, demanded West Coast action to break the stalling on a contract of the Master Mates and Pilots last month, and sent a wire to the CMU to that effect. Curran stated that he opposed the action and was not informed.

McKenzie and Stack hammered at Curran's stand on wages, both in the past and at present. Both reviewed Curran's support for the \$12.50 offer of the shipowners last May without a cut in hours and pointed out that as a result of the CMU the seamen won a total of \$27.50 in increases and a 48-hour week at sea and 40 hours in port.

"We are now in the process of meeting with the shipowners for higher wages," McKenzie said. "It is safe to predict that the NMU by itself will get pennies instead of dollars. Remember the \$12.50! We want the four-watch sys-

tem, annual leaves with pay, etc., on June 15, 1947. It is ridiculous to assume that the NMU by itself could achieve these objectives. It can only be achieved by building and strengthening the CMU."

McKenzie also declared that the CMU launched the greatest movement for unity on the waterfront in the history of American labor, pointing to the fact that the AFL seamen and longshoremen forced their leaders to respect the CMU's picket lines.

In announcing his resignation from CMU Lawrenson said "I agree with him (Curran) completely." He declared that he was taking his action in order to force the CMU "back to its original policies of uniting all seamen and maritime workers."

Questioned by reporters on whether he was in favor of withdrawing the NMU from the CMU, Lawrenson hedged and stated that he would not comment on this at the present time. He did say, however, that he thought the NMU delegates to the forthcoming CMU conference should recommend withdrawal from the CMU in case of disagreement with policies worked out at the conference.

"The East Coast International Longshoremen's Assn. ('King' Joseph Ryan's outfit) is a very important factor" in unity considerations, Lawrenson said. The ILA was the scene of a rank and file revolt last year against Ryan's dictatorial rule. Ryan himself holds his position as president for life.

Rescue Last 2 Adrift on Floe

MONTREAL, Dec. 26, (UP).—Two more survivors of a crashed Quebec Airways plane were rescued by small boat today from a drifting ice floe in the St. Lawrence river, airline officials announced.

The two men, who were marooned on the floating ice since the plane crashed four days ago, were taken to Petite Vallee, a settlement on the Gaspe coast. Four others were rescued earlier, while the seventh is believed to have drowned.

The rescue, performed in a blinding snowstorm, was made additionally hazardous by drifting ice in the river which threatened to upset the rescue craft.

A LONG LOST WEEKEND IN CALENDAR JUGGLING

When England changed New Year's Day from March 25 to January 1 in 1752 and adopted the Gregorian calendar, thousands of Englishmen suffered a prolonged "lost weekend"—and it wasn't caused by an excess of holiday conviviality.

According to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, the change in the calendar made it necessary to wipe out 11 days of the year, which was done by declaring that the day after Sept. 2 was Sept. 14, not Sept. 3. This brought England into step with the Catholic countries, which had adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1582.

During the early Middle Ages, March 25 was considered the first day of the year by most Christian peoples, but in Anglo-Saxon England, the *Britannica* points out, New Year's Day fell on what is now



by BARNARD RUBIN

THE Reader's Digest printed a congratulatory letter from CIO president Philip Murray on its 26th anniversary. Unionists, aware of the Digest's anti-labor record, were bewildered by its appearance.

How it happened: The Reader's Digest letter requesting the message came to CIO Secretary James Carey's desk. Carey wrote the congratulatory message and slipped it in among a batch of routine communications for Murray's signature. Murray, unaware, signed it. . . .

MIDTOWN CHATTER

The sexiest-looking gal in N. Y. today can be found at the rehearsals of *William and Mary* which will open here soon. She is Doris Claiborne (originally Cloris Leachman)—the Miss Chicago of 1946. . . .

Housing Shortage Item: If you're having trouble finding an apartment, why not consult Leonard Sillman, producer of the flop *If the Shoe Fits*. He's just rented a gorgeous apartment—for the sole purpose of storing the costumes from his late unlamented flasco. . . .

Beth and Blacky Meyers collaborating on a maritime novel—and a baby.

Bob Allen, World War II hero and top-notch Washington columnist, is on the market for a radio assignment. He's the Allen who made *Pearson and Allen*.

Two hundred and fifty employees and executives of Lindy's sent a wire to radio station WOR the other a.m., urging the station to continue Frank Kingdon's daily broadcasts. . . .

The well-known Negro painter, **Romare Bearden**, was once Jim-crowded out of big league baseball. **Connie Mack** had hired him not knowing that he was colored (Bearden is of light complexion) for his Philadelphia Athletics. When Mack found out he gave the painter the air. . . .

WATERFRONT TALK: THAT JOE CURRAN, National Maritime Union president, who has been disrupting the Committee for Maritime Unity, has been having secret meetings with Harry Landenberg, reactionary dictator of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific.

ON THE PHILADELPHIA RECORD PICKET LINE

When Edwin Schloss, the Record's drama critic, hit the picket line, owner Stern talked his attorney, Gilbert J. Kraus, into taking over the job.

Every Kraus "review" has caused gales of laughter on Philly's Broadway. **Finian's Rainbow**, smash hit, was panned by Kraus while every other newspaper in town gave it raves. When this happened, **Lee Sabinson**, the producer, got Schloss, the striking critic, to write his regular review—which turned out to be a smash notice.

The producer then bought an ad in the scab sheet and reprinted the striker's review—with Schloss' by-line! . . .

You know those snappy one-liners which run at the bottom of PM's second page, signed P.M. There actually is a P.M.—his name is Powers Moulton. . . .

FREE ENTERPRISE

The NAM's main propaganda weapon against higher wages is its line that labor's productivity has dropped to the point where wage increases are impossible unless labor speeds up.

Facts: The productivity figures of NAM's leading industrialists give their own organization the lie. General Motors statisticians, for example, have informed their company that the operating efficiency of their individual worker is as high as 95 percent of the 1941 index.

The workers of the largest farm machinery manufacturers, International Harvester, are averaging around 100 percent of their individual output for the same year.

At the same time, stiff increases in the cost of their products to the consumer and increased mechanization, give these companies the highest rate of profit in their histories from the labor of each individual worker. . . .

WORLD OF MAKE-BELIEVE

Two Hollywoodites were discussing the work of the producers out there. "Why, they're wonderful," one told the other. "They have a fundamental sense of unreality. . . ."

See you Monday. . . .

Corrections Head Ousted

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of his freedom of movement, it is charged, to use the hospital phones for bookmaking purposes, and is the "Harvey" believed mentioned in several telephone conversations with Alvin J. Paris, facing trial for alleged bribing of Giant football players.

It is also charged that Stemmer was seen in his usual Broadway haunts recently while still serving his one-year term in prison.

These reports are the basis of a report being drawn up for the Mayor by Commissioner of Investigations Murtagh. The report will be ready next week.

In removing Amoroso the Mayor said that regardless of the truth in the charges against Stemmer, he could not tolerate the fact that a man of Stemmer's background and notoriety was given an orderly's job under Amoroso's jurisdiction. Though he did not admit that Stemmer might have used the hospital phones for bookmaking or was seen on Broadway, he implied such charges might have an element of truth in them.

"I believe that at this time someone like Albert Williams will be good for the Dep't of Corrections," the Mayor said in announcing the change.

Urged by reporters to be specific on the link between Murtagh's investigation, the gridiron scandal, the Stemmer case and Amoroso's resignation, the Mayor implied that he might have "suggested" such a move. At one point he said: "I don't think that a man like Stemmer should have been assigned to duties such as he had."

the winter solstice, Dec. 21, as the first day of the new year. The notion of celebrating New Year's Day on Jan. 1 was introduced by Caesar when he adopted the Julian calendar and postponed the Roman holiday of New Year's from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1.

Win Wage Hike At Long, Detroit; End Strike

DETROIT.—The five-month-old strike of the workers at the Long Mfg. Co., members of UAW Local 314, ended Sunday when a local union meeting voted to accept a settlement of from 5-to-28-cents wage increase with 4 cents an hour of the wage boost retroactive to March 11.

The Long workers instructed their leaders to draft a resolution condemning members of local 280 of the UAW for increasing their production of automobile clutches from 1200 a day to 3000 a day during the strike.